



Relaxation

**We use relaxation to help us feel less anxious or stressed.
Many things can help us relax:-**



- Having a bath or a shower.



- Listening to peaceful music.



- Going for a walk in nature.



- Watching a film we enjoy.

3 things that help us relax are:



1. Deep breathing.




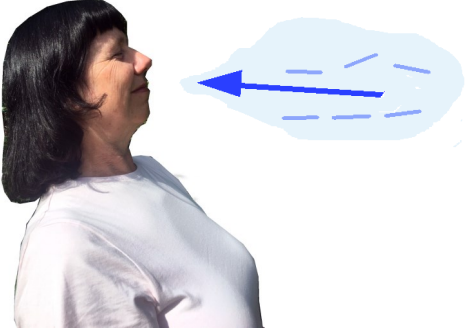

2. Relaxing your body.



3. Closing your eyes and thinking of a calm, safe place.



Deep breathing exercise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit on a chair, lie flat on the floor or your bed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think about your breathing. Take a long deep breath IN, through your nose. Fill your lungs up.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold it...then slowly breathe OUT, through your mouth. Repeat.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See how your chest goes up and down.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let thoughts, feelings and sounds drift by. Keep coming back to your breathing.

Do this for 5 - 10 minutes, you will start to feel calm and relaxed.

Body relaxation exercise



- Sit on a chair, lie flat on the floor or your bed.



- Scrunch up your face - then relax.



- Tense up your arms - then relax.



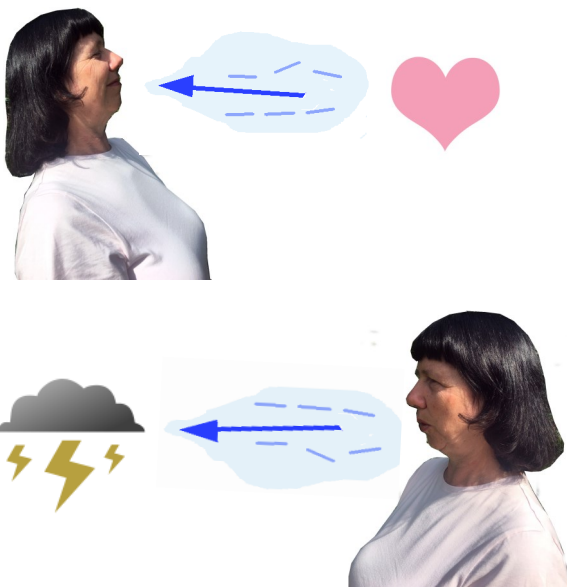
... body relaxation exercise.



- Tense up your shoulders - then relax.



- Tense up your legs - then relax.



- Breathe in calm thoughts...
Breathe out worries and stress.

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Calm place exercise

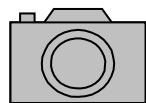
Thinking about a calm place can stop you thinking about your worries.



- Sit on a chair or lie down and close your eyes.



- Imagine being in a place that makes you feel calm and relaxed.



- You can ask someone to help you find a picture or take a photo of yourself at your calm place .



... calm place exercise.



- What can you **see** in your calm place?



- What can you **hear**?



- What can you **smell**?



- What can you **touch**?



- Think about how you **feel** there.

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